

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the carryover paragraph of page 1, line 30 to page 2, line 7, as follows:

Particularly in a SAN network, it is important to find a method of scheduling packets based on e.g. priorities, control messages, data messages, and to avoid congestion. Also, when managing virtual channels (virtual channels are described more fully in co-pending US patent application no. 09/520,063, entitled ..., "Virtual channel flow control...", assigned to the assignee of the present application, the relevant disclosures of which co-pending application are incorporated herein by reference), a solution must be found regarding the problem of providing a method of reacting to the flow control information provided by the SAN layer.

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